

## State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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## Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program

May 20, 2015

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| Reviewed: | 41/1/ |  |  |

| Permit Number: S/001/0038 Inspection Date: May 12, 2015 Time: early afternoon |   |  |                        |         |
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|   |   |  | Mine Status: Reclaimed |         |
|   |   |  | Evaluated              | Comment |
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|   | Inspection Dat<br>Time: early aff<br>Mine Status: | Inspection Date: May 12, 20<br>Time: early afternoon<br>Mine Status: Reclaimed |                        |         |

Permit fee: Current Bond Renewal Date: N/A Bond Amount: \$3,000

**Inspection Purpose:** Evaluate final regrading work

Inspection Summary: The site had been regraded, and reclamation earthwork is acceptable. The operator did a nice job of grading the site to fit in with the natural contours, and no rock faces or pits remain. The excavator was taken off-site, and no trash was visible. No significant safety hazards remain. The graded surface was left rough, and it is unlikely that any notable erosion will occur. Apparently no soil was saved. Adjacent areas of what appear to be past reclamation are successfully vegetated with rabbitbrush, a little grass, and other natives with relatively few weeds, and the lack of topsoil replacement is not expected to be the driving factor in revegetation success or failure. Not much of a soil has developed here. Ed Ginouves (BLM-Cedar City) reported spreading crested wheatgrass seed on the regraded site within a few days. At the time of my inspection, no seedlings were visible. Recent storms may or may not have changed that. Surrounding areas are a mix of junipers, rabbitbrush, native grasses, other natives (perhaps a snakeweed), and some weeds (none of the noxious variety were seen).

<u>Conclusions and Recommendations:</u> The site was regraded and meets reclamation standards. It is recommended that the reclamation bond be partially released, and that some reclamation bond be retained to cover revegetation.

Inspector's Signature

PNB: pbb

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Active mine disturbance. Stitched photos. (Photos taken June 6, 2007).



Regraded mine disturbance. Stitched photos. Note the dry drainage area on the left with no defined flow path. (Photos taken May 12, 2015).

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Area west of the regraded disturbance with successful revegetation. The recently graded site is behind and to the left. (Stitched photos taken May 12, 2015).



Undisturbed area upslope of graded disturbance. (Photo taken May 12, 2015). Seed spread by Ed Ginouves, BLM. (Photo taken May 12, 2015).